

Docket No.: ZTP00P12059

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : EDWIN BOLDUAN ET AL.  
Filed : CONCURRENTLY HERewith  
Title : WASHING MACHINE WITH A PRESSING AND/OR IRONING  
FUNCTION AND METHOD FOR CLEANING LAUNDRY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

U.S. Patent No. 5,439,768 (Matsuo et al.), dated August 8, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,502,988 (Shimazaki et al.), dated April 2, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 4,412,435 (Gallagher), dated November 1, 1983;

U.S. Patent No. 4,361,018 (Gallagher), dated November 30, 1982;

U.K. Patent No. 2 099 029 A (Rearick et al.), dated December 1, 1982,  
corresponding to German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 32 16 195 A1  
(Winch et al.), dated November 18, 1982;

German Patent No. 29 29 057 C2 (Ehemann), dated May 26, 1983, pertains to  
method and device for preventing the formation of condensation in steam pumps or  
the like;

German Patent No. 35 07 757 C2 (Wegrich et al.), dated September 11, 1986,  
pertains to a machine for steaming and smoothing articles of clothing and method for  
operating such a machine;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 1 919 730 (Geschka et al.),  
dated February 11, 1971, pertains to a machine for cleaning non-ironable clothing;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 2 014 161 (inventor not listed),  
dated May 13, 1971, pertains to a device for treating laundry, clothing, and the like;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 20 35 540 (Lepper et al.), dated January, 20, 1972, pertains to a machine for washing and drying;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 197 30 358 A1 (Wetzel et al.), dated January 1, 1999, pertains to a device for smoothing laundry;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Application No. 199 13 647 A1 (Wienands et al.), dated September 28, 2000, pertains to a method and device for producing knitted/sewn multi-axial products consisting of a plurality of layers;

Dutch Patent No. 1005069 (den Berg), dated July 27, 1998, pertains to a wringer;

French Patent No. 2 721 625 (Alain), dated December 29, 1995, pertains to a process of installation for treating clothes after they have been washed;

Japanese Patent Abstract 05337300 A (Takashi), dated December 21, 1993;

Japanese Patent Abstract 10118398 A (Hidetoshi et al.), dated May 12, 1998;

International Search Report, dated April 2, 2002.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned above is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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